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Export of Rice to China
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has agreed to import rice from India and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether India has repeatedly sought market access for many items including non basmati rice, pharmaceuticals and many fruits and vegetables among others and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government is considering to send a delegation to China for finding customers for Indian rice and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Subsequent to the field verification visit to the rice mills in India in September, 2016 by its experts, the Chinese General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), informed that it has approved 14 of the 19 rice mills registered with the Ministry of Agriculture for export of rice to China.

(b) India has consistently sought greater market access for India's exports to China especially in sectors such as Pharmaceuticals agriculture including non-basmati rice, selected fruits and vegetables, buffalo meat, IT services, etc.

The Commerce Secretary during her meeting/s with Chinese Vice-Minister MOFCOM, AQSIQ and the Ministry of Industry & Information Technology (MIIT), in Beijing in September, 2015, also raised the issue of market access for India's exports to China on items including non-basmati rice, pharmaceuticals, selected fruits and vegetables, buffalo meat, IT services, etc.

These issues were also taken up at Minister level with the Chinese counterparts from time to time. Recently, during the meeting with Chinese Vice-Minister of Ministry of Finance & Commerce (MOFCOM) in October, 2016 on the sidelines of the 6th BRICS Trade Ministers meeting in New Delhi, these issues were discussed.

(c) At present there is no proposal to send a delegation to China for finding customers for Indian rice.
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